

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

BETTER GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION, an Illinois not-for-profit
corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE COUNTY OF COOK,

Defendant.

No.

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COMPLAINT

NOW COMES Plaintiff, BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, by and through its attorneys, and for its Complaint against Defendant, THE COUNTY OF COOK, states as follows:

1. This is an action brought under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, to compel the release of public records, namely records sufficient to show the identities of online applicants for positions on Cook County boards and commissions. (See Exs. A-C, Correspondence Seeking the Requested Records.)

2. FOIA makes clear that it is "the public policy of the State of Illinois that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts and policies of those who represent them as public officials and public employees." 5 ILCS 140/1. Accordingly, "[a]ll records in the custody or possession of a public body are presumed to be open to inspection or copying. Any public body that asserts that a record is exempt from disclosure has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that it is exempt." 5 ILCS 140/1.2.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff is the BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (the “BGA”). The BGA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization formed in 1923 that combats waste, fraud, and corruption in government. The BGA has a long history of advocating for government transparency.

4. Defendant is THE COUNTY OF COOK (“Cook County,” the “County,” or “Defendant”). Cook County is a public body subject to FOIA.

BACKGROUND

A. After Announcing Reforms to a “Secretive Appointment Process,” Cook County Now Refuses to Release Names of Applicants For Cook County Boards and Commissions.

5. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle was elected in 2010, and used her first speech as President to announce that she would end clout-based hiring and would work to put in place a “more transparent government.” (Ex. D, Hal Dardick, *Preckwinkle Sworn In, Pledges Tax Rollback*, CHI. TRIB., Dec. 7, 2010, *available at* 2010 WLNR 24229352). According to Preckwinkle, a “lack of accountability has eroded the legitimacy of the Cook County government.” (*Id.*)

6. As Cook County Board President, Preckwinkle makes appointments to over 50 boards, commissions, and committees. (Ex. E, Sebastian James, *Preckwinkle Announces Reform of Cook County Boards and Commissions Appointment Process*, COOK COUNTY BLOG, April 27, 2011, <http://blog.cookcountygov.com/2011/04/27/preckwinkle-announces-reform-of-cook-county-boards-and-commissions-appointment-process/>). Preckwinkle says part of her plan to restore faith in Cook County government “includes making public the formerly secretive appointment process involving our County’s board and committees.” (*Id.*) “The aim is to end an

era of secrecy and be an outstanding partner as a source for the critical information that residents need about many issues, including our finances and personnel.” (*Id.*)

7. As part of her efforts at reform, Preckwinkle announced a new online process for applying to Cook County boards and commissions. (*Id.*) Citizens can apply for various board and committee positions on the Cook County website. (Ex. F, *Appointments*, COOK COUNTY BLOG, <http://blog.cookcountygov.com/appointments/> (last visited Jan. 31, 2013)). Applicants must fill out an online form asking for, among other things, their first name, last name, address, and the board or commission for which they would like to be considered. (Ex. G, *Nomination Application*, COOK COUNTY BLOG, <http://blog.cookcountygov.com/appointments/application/> (last visited Jan. 31, 2013)).

B. The BGA’s FOIA Request and the County’s Denial.

8. On December 13, 2012, the BGA submitted a FOIA request to Cook County seeking “a list of all individuals who’ve applied through [the Cook County Board] webpage (to include first name, last name, address, board or commission to which they applied, and the date they submitted their application).” (Ex. A, 12/13/12 A. Lory e-mail to J. Fronczak.)

9. On January 2, 2013, the County denied the BGA’s request for information. (Ex. C, 1/2/13 J. Fronczak e-mail to A. Lory.) The County stated that the information sought by the BGA is exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(c) of the FOIA. (*Id.*) This section provides an exemption for “[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The County also stated that home addresses are exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(b) and 2(c-5) of the FOIA. (Ex. B, 12/13/12 J. Fronczak e-mail to A. Lory.)

10. The County did not assert any other exemption.

11. There is a strong public interest in disclosure of the records sought by the BGA.

12. The public has an interest in ensuring the most qualified people are appointed to County boards and commissions.

13. The public also has an interest in ensuring that the appointment process is transparent and free of corruption.

14. Any privacy interest an applicant might have in his or her act of applying for a public board or commission position is heavily outweighed by the interest the public has in ensuring qualified applicants are being selected to these positions and that the appointment process is free from the corruption and clout-based hiring that has long plagued Cook County government.

15. Preckwinkle herself said that the purpose of the reformed appointment process is to “end an era of secrecy and be an outstanding partner as a source for the critical information that residents need about many issues, including our finances and personnel.” (Ex. E, Sebastian James, *Preckwinkle Announces Reform of Cook County Boards and Commissions Appointment Process*, COOK COUNTY BLOG, April 27, 2011, <http://blog.cookcountygov.com/2011/04/27/preckwinkle-announces-reform-of-cook-county-boards-and-commissions-appointment-process/>).

CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER FOIA

16. The above paragraphs are incorporated by reference.

17. The BGA submitted a FOIA request seeking public records.

18. The requested records are public records subject to disclosure under FOIA.

19. The County has not produced the requested public records.

20. The “personal privacy” exemption, 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c), does not apply to the requested records.

21. Exemption 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) and Section 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5) of the Act do not prevent the release of the requested records.

22. No other FOIA exemption applies to the requested records.

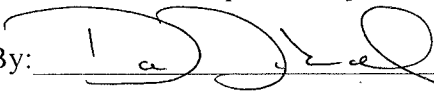
23. The public has a right to see the records sought by the BGA. FOIA contemplates the release of such public records to “enable the people to fulfill their duties of discussing public issues fully and freely, mak[e] informed political judgments and monitor[] government to ensure that it is being conducted in the public interest.” 5 ILCS 140/1. The County’s attempt to hide the identities of applicants who were not selected inhibits the public’s ability to evaluate whether the most qualified applicants are being selected for important public positions. Thus, the County’s denial conflicts with the public policy promoted by FOIA of promoting “the transparency and accountability of public bodies at all levels of government.” 5 ILCS 140/1.

WHEREFORE, the BGA prays that this Court enter an order (1) compelling the immediate release of the requested records as required by FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*; (2) granting the BGA all costs and attorneys’ fees associated with this suit pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11(i); and (3) awarding all other just and equitable relief that the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: March 26, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

From: Alden Loury [mailto:aloury@bettergov.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Jeff Fronczak (Presidents Office)
Subject: Re: FOIA Request Dated 11-28-2012

Hey Jeff --

Thanks so much for sending this along.

You sure the county doesn't know the home addresses for appointees? Do appointees have to be Cook County residents?

Also, I came across a webpage on the Cook County government blog, which solicits applicants for boards and commissions. <http://blog.cookcountygov.com/appointments/>

Furthermore, folks who'd like to nominate themselves are asked to provide a home address, as well as other info.

<http://blog.cookcountygov.com/appointments/application/>

I'd like to get a list of all individuals who've applied through this webpage (to include first name, last name, address, board or commission to which they applied, and the date they submitted their application). Do you need a formal FOIA request?

Thanks so much for your help with this.

Sincerely,
Alden

Alden Loury

Better Government Association
312-821-9036

EXHIBIT B

From: "Jeff Fronczak (Presidents Office)" <Jeff.Fronczak@cookcountyiil.gov>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request Dated 11-28-2012
Date: December 13, 2012 11:29:04 AM CST
To: Alden Lory <alory@bettergov.org>

Hi Alden,

Home addresses are exempt from disclosure under sections 7(1)(b) and 2(c-5) of the Act.

Do not worry about submitting a formal FOIA request. Your email below is sufficient.

Thanks,
Jeff

EXHIBIT C

On Jan 2, 2013, at 2:07 PM, Jeff Fronczak (Presidents Office) <Jeff.Fronczak@cookcountyil.gov> wrote:

January 2, 2013

Alden Loury
Senior Investigator
Better Government Association
223 W. Jackson Blvd., Ste. 900
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Loury,

Cook County is in receipt of your request for information dated 12-13-2012 and received the same day, in which you requested a list of all individuals who have applied online for an appointment to a county board or commission, including each applicant's first and last name, home address, the board or commission to which they applied, and the date they submitted their application. On Thursday, December 20, 2012, the County extended the deadline for its response to your request, pursuant to section 3(e)(v) of the Freedom of Information Act (the "Act"). Please be advised that your request is denied, pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of the Act. Section 7(1)(c) exempts the following from disclosure:

Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information. "Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" means the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information. The disclosure of information that bears on the public duties of public employees and officials shall not be considered an invasion of privacy.

In 2010 PAC 5741, the Office of the Attorney General ("Attorney General") approved the use of the section 7(1)(c) exemption by the Aurora Housing Authority (AHA) for the resumes of unsuccessful candidates for the AHA's executive director position. In making its determination, the Attorney General cited 2010 PAC 6805. In that case, the Attorney General held that the names and applications of individuals who had sought the position of President at the University of Illinois were exempt under section 7(1)(c) because "the release of personal information about applicants may...negatively impact a public body's ability to attract qualified applicants." See also 2011 PAC 14353; and 2010 PAC 7336, 7704, and 7852.

As in the above cases, releasing the names of unsuccessful applicants for appointment to county boards or commissions may negatively impact the county's ability to attract qualified applicants. Unsuccessful candidates may be embarrassed by their not being selected, and it is likely that they would not want this information being disseminated to the media.

Pursuant to Section 9 of the Act, please be advised of the following:

- The undersigned is responsible for this denial.
- You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: (217) 782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

- You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a hard copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything else we can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT D

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Section: News

Preckwinkle sworn in, pledges tax rollback
County leader vows reforms, fires Stroger aides

Hal Dardick, Tribune reporter

New Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle swept into office Monday, dismissing some of her predecessor's patronage workers and pledging to get rid of an unpopular sales tax increase in about two years.

Shortly after taking her hand off a Bible, the 63-year-old former alderman from Hyde Park portrayed her approach as a break from the old-school political style of Todd Stroger, whose single term was marked by scandals and the ill-fated tax hike.

"I present to you a comprehensive plan to set our county on its new course," Preckwinkle said in her inaugural speech, two years after launching what she said was a long-shot campaign. "This new direction comes from our commitment to fiscal responsibility, innovative leadership, transparency, accountability and improved services throughout the county."

After years of rancor and accusations about mismanagement in county government, Preckwinkle also promised a new era of "civility." Many commissioners exhaled, relieved that the no-nonsense Preckwinkle, a former teacher, is pledging to bring adult leadership to the table.

"Her decisions are going to be strategic, and they are going to be part of a master plan to accomplish a goal, which has been missing," said Commissioner Larry Suffredin, D-Chicago. "I think that this is one of the best days I've seen in the eight years that I've been part of county government."

Her job won't be easy. Preckwinkle must immediately address a big budget shortfall for next year, in part caused by last year's repeal of half of Stroger's sales tax increase. That means she won't offer up tax relief when she presents her first budget next month.

"This first year, starting \$487 million down, it didn't seem prudent to make a commitment to further reduce revenues, but we have a year to plan," Preckwinkle said at a news conference.

So Preckwinkle said she'll reduce the county sales tax by a quarter-cent on the dollar in 2012 and again in 2013. That would drop the county sales tax rate back to 0.75 percent, the level it was at before Stroger pushed through a 1-percentage-point tax hike in early 2008.

It also would allow her to keep a campaign promise highlighted in a TV commercial featuring an actor portraying Benjamin Franklin, known for coining the phrase "a penny saved is a penny earned." During the campaign, Preckwinkle said she would roll back the sales tax by the end of her first four years in office.

The increase under Stroger was "a Band-Aid solution that enabled the continued inefficiency of county government," Preckwinkle said.

Making the cuts will be tough. Although the county approves the \$3 billion annual budget, most of the government and its nearly 24,000 employees are controlled by other boards and elected officials.

Preckwinkle is assembling her own team, and that means scores of Stroger administration executives will be fired. That began Monday, as county officials said about two dozen administrators and spokespeople from Stroger's team were gone by day's end.

One key move was installing chief of staff Kurt Summers Jr., who was chief of staff for the committee that headed up the city's failed bid for the 2016 Olympics.

Change came to other parts of the County Building as well. New Assessor Joseph Berrios, the Cook County Democratic chairman, replaced the retiring James Houlihan and 13 of Houlihan's top people.

Berrios spokeswoman Kelley Quinn described the action as "not uncommon with a change in administration." Berrios has set up a panel of experts to look at office operations, and as of Monday he gave up his lobbying business, Quinn said.

The 17-member County Board that Preckwinkle will work with also changed. There are three new commissioners, and Democrats ended up with one more commissioner in their ranks, for a 13-4 advantage over Republicans.

But it was Preckwinkle's swearing-in, first at an official board meeting and later mimicked at a campaign-sponsored public gathering of more than 700 people, that dominated the day.

Preckwinkle also took aim at hiring by saying she already was taking applications for executive posts online. She said she would work to end the clout-based hiring that brought federal court hiring oversight after an FBI raid near the end of former board President John Stroger's years in office.

Saying some employees have told her their counterparts spend the day making personal calls and reading the paper, Preckwinkle said she would name a chief performance officer.

"This lack of accountability has eroded the legitimacy of Cook County government," she said.

Preckwinkle also pledged to post on the Web paid appointments to various boards, bids and contracts.

Other proposed initiatives include consolidating departments, operations and services, and cutting her own \$170,000-a-year salary by 10 percent.

"We're going to make government less expensive and more effective," she said. "That's why my plan is pretty clear: a leaner, more efficient and more transparent government."

hhardick@tribune.com

Preckwinkle sworn in, pledges tax rollback, 2010 WLNR 24229352

Tribune editorial

Preckwinkle must resist patronage defenders, who lobbied her just moments into her term. PAGE 22

Go deeper into county story on Trib Nation: The cast is new, the challenges the same. Tribune reporter Hal Dardick reports on the financial challenges facing the new Cook County leadership, at chicagotribune.com/TribNation.

Photo: Outgoing Cook County Board President Todd Stroger speaks with incoming President Toni Preckwinkle before she is sworn in Monday at the Cook County Board room. Preckwinkle said she has "a comprehensive plan to set our county on its new course." JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Photo: Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle celebrates her first day in office with a public gathering Monday at the Chicago Cultural Center. "We're going to make government less expensive and more effective," she said. HEATHER CHARLES/TRIBUNE PHOTO

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Preckwinkle announces reform of Cook County boards and commissions appointment process

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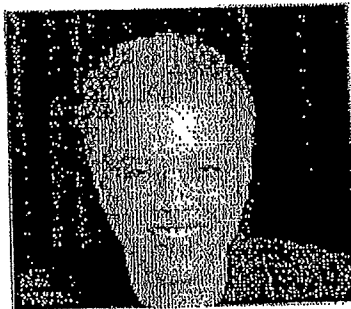
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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced a plan to reform the process by which her Office selects individuals to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions that affect critical County functions.

Preckwinkle said she is making good on an important promise to make Cook County more accessible to residents. "In my inaugural address, I said that a lack of transparency and accountability has eroded the legitimacy of Cook County government. We're constructing a system to restore faith in County government. This part of this overhaul of County government includes making public the formerly secretive appointment process involving our County's board and committees," she said.

The Cook County Board President makes appointments to more than 50 boards, commissions, committees, sanitary and mosquito abatement districts having impact on citizens of Cook County. The County is encouraging residents to apply for available appointments. Citizens can apply by going to the website [http:// www.cookcountyll.gov/appointments](http://www.cookcountyll.gov/appointments). The site also includes pertinent information about each board and commission, such as the number of members, length of term, qualifications, and names and status of board members. Current members interested in reappointment will have to reapply for their positions through the website.

"The ability of citizens to hold their elected officials accountable is impacted greatly by their access to information. We're building new pathways through which residents can research County government. The aim is to end an era of secrecy and be an outstanding partner as a source for the critical information that residents need about many issues, including our finances and personnel," Preckwinkle said.

Preckwinkle said the County is working rapidly to provide comprehensive information about the functions and services that affect the residents of Cook County.

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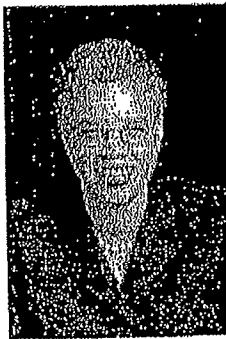
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Appointments

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Our democracy is built on the idea of participatory government. One of the best ways you can participate is by serving on a county board or commission. These groups of people just like you or I oversee and advise county elected officials, agencies, and departments on a wide range of vital issues. Take a few minutes to find a board or commission you're interested in serving on. Click on a link to read more about the board, or if you know where you'd like to serve, click to nominate yourself. It's up to you to take the first step towards promoting open, honest and effective government. Thank you,

Joni Green

Boards or Commissions with Vacancies and/or Expired Terms

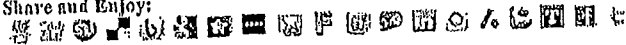
Name of Board or Commission	Vacancy or Expired Term	
<u>Addison Creek River Conservancy District</u>	Y	Click here to nominate yourself
<u>Central Stickney Sanitary District</u>	Y	Click here to nominate yourself
<u>CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning)</u>	Y	Click here to nominate yourself
<u>Community & Economic Development Association</u>	Y	Click here to nominate yourself
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<u>Cook County Board of Ethics</u>	Y	Click here to nominate yourself

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Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
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Cook County Land Bank Authority		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
CORE Foundation		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
Deferred Compensation Committee		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
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Employee Appeals Board		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
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Illinois Labor Relations Board (Local Panel)			Click here to nominate yourself
Illinois Medical District Commission		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
Judicial Advisory Council		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
Justice/Willow Springs Water Commission		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
Kimberly Heights Sanitary District		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
Medical Examiner's Advisory Council		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
Metra (Commuter Rail Board of Commuter Division of RTA)		Y	Click here to nominate yourself
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Northwest Mosquito Abatement District			Click here to nominate yourself
Northwest Water Commission			Click here to nominate yourself
Norwood Park Street Lighting District			Click here to nominate yourself
Oak Meadow Sanitary District	Y		Click here to nominate yourself
Old Town Sanitary District	Y		Click here to nominate yourself
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EXHIBIT G

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Nomination application

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Nominate yourself for an appointment to one of the Boards or Commissions listed below. The information we collect will be used by the President's office in considering you for an appointment. It will be kept confidential and protected from disclosure to the extent permitted by law.

If you have a problem completing the form, please email:

CookCounty.Appointments@cookcountyl.gov

*Required Fields. Please provide accurate information in ALL required fields.

PART A: Board or Commission Sought

* Select the Board or Commission for which you would like to be considered:

☐ I am applying for a reappointment.

☐ I would like to be considered for other appointments for which I am qualified.

☐ Please check if you currently serve on any government, private or non-profit board or commission. If checked, describe below the board and your role on it:

PART B: Personal Information

Honorific (Choose from: Dr., Hon., Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

First Name *

Middle Name

Last Name *

Address *

Address line 2

City *

State * | Postal Code *

IL

Township *

Contact

Home Phone *

Alternate Phone

PART C: Employment and Professional History***Provide employment history, listing the most current first:**

Employer	Title	City/State	Start Date	End Date
Most recent employer *			mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy or
			mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy
			mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy
			mm/yyyy	mm/yyyy

Professional Certifications**Provide information about any professional certifications you hold:**

Provide information about your work that has been accepted for professional publication:

Provide information about any professional awards or merits you have received:

Current

your resume and upload below:

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PART D: Education

High School

High School name:

High School location:

Post-Secondary

List the last four post-secondary educational institutions attended.

List the most recent school first:

	Institution	Location	Dates Attended	Certificates/Degrees Received
1	Most recent institution		mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy	
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3				
4				

PART E: Government Affiliations and Experience

Are you a public official? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what office do you hold?:

Is your spouse/domestic partner a public official? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If yes, what office does your spouse/domestic partner hold?:

Are you a lobbyist registered with Cook County? * ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your spouse/domestic partner a lobbyist registered with Cook County? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Are you a lobbyist registered with the State of Illinois? * ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your spouse/domestic partner a lobbyist registered with the State of Illinois? *

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Are you a current employee of Cook County government? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide your Department and Job Title:

Department, Job Title

If you are not a current employee, have you ever been employed by Cook County? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide your Department and Job Title:

Department, Job Title

Are you an employee of any other governmental body? * ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what unit of government do you work for?:

Department, Job Title

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Is the partner an employee of any other governmental body? *

☐ N/A

If yes, what unit of government do they work for?

Department, Job Title

PART F: Interests and Qualifications

Interest Statement

Please explain why you wish to serve in County government? *

Please enter statement of interest here.

Unique Characteristics, Qualifications and Experiences

What unique characteristics, qualifications and experiences would you bring to a County board or commission? *

Please enter statement of qualification here.

PART G: Additional Information

Are you a resident of Cook County? *

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you a US Citizen? *

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you are not a US Citizen, are you eligible to work in the United States? *

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Have you ever been convicted of a felony offense? *

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, briefly describe the nature of the offense, date of conviction and sentence received.

Briefly describe offense.

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor offense in the past 7 years? *

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, briefly describe the nature of the offense, date of conviction and sentence received.

Briefly describe offense.

Additional information you would like to provide about the role you seek?

PART H: Demographic Information

Gender

Male ☐ Female ☐

Ethnicity

African American ☐ Asian American ☐ Latino ☐ Native American ☐ White ☐ Other ☐ No Response ☐

Veteran Status

Veteran ☐ Not a Veteran ☐

If Veteran, Branch of Military Service:

N/A ☐ Air Force ☐ Air National Guard ☐ Army ☐ Army National Guard ☐ Coast Guard ☐ Marine Corps ☐
Navy ☐

Date of Birth

mm/dd/yyyy

Certification and Submit

☐ I certify by checking this box and clicking the Submit button below, I hereby certify that the foregoing responses are true, accurate and complete. I agree that any misstatement, misrepresentation, or omission of fact may result in my immediate disqualification for appointment. I authorize Cook County to review my credit and criminal history, and/or to request more information about my background.

Please provide the following to submit your application and receive a reply confirmation via email:

Your Email *

Confirm Your Email *

Registration Verification Code

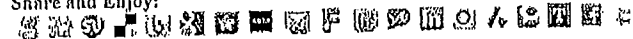
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Please enter the Registration Verification Code (above) *

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